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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With regard to (a), may I know whether this negative answer is the result of any enquiry instituted after the receipt of this question and, if so, what the nature of the enquiry was ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes, Sir. We referred the question to the Inspector-General of Police and got a report from him."

Railways

Opening of the Trikannad flag station.

* 9 Q.—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Mukkavas of Trikannad have made representations to the Collector of South Kanara praying that the flag station at Trikannad which was recently closed should be opened ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Trikannad was never a full-fledged station, but was a trial station having all along been in the experimental stage ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a permanent and a pakka station could not be built there as there was engineering difficulty such as a deep curve gradient, etc. ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government have no information.

Criminal Justice

Alleged enquiry under section 202, Criminal Procedure Code, on a complaint by one Guntaka Kesava Reddi.

* 10 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. K. Ramachandra Rao, Sarishtadar-Magistrate of Markapur, Kurnool district, held an enquiry under section 202, Criminal Procedure Code, on a complaint made by one Guntaka Kesava Reddi ;

(b) whether he left his jurisdiction on a public holiday 12th January 1929 and went to Baddicherla ;

(c) whether he obtained necessary permission to leave the head-quarters ;

(d) whether he took with him the Assistant Superintendent of Police and the Sub-Inspector and constables ;

(e) whether he sat in the karnam's house and sent for one Bhavanam Nagi Reddi ;

(f) what conversation took place between the two ;

(g) whether the Sarishtadar took proceedings against Nagi Reddi for contempt of court and passed sentence of simple imprisonment ;

(h) whether an appeal was filed and the sentence admitted ;

(i) whether the said Nagi Reddi was further ill-treated on the said day 12th January 1929 by being handcuffed, carried in the motor-car of the Assistant Superintendent and put into jail at Markapur ;

(j) whether the said Nagi Reddi filed a petition to the District Magistrate setting forth these matters ; and

(k) what steps were taken thereon ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) He went to Baddicherla on 12th January 1929; but as the village is within the limits of the Sarishtadar-Magistrate's jurisdiction, permission to leave his headquarters was not necessary.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. As the village chavadi was not fit to be used, the Magistrate held his enquiry on the veranda of the karnam's house close to the chavadi.

(*f*) Nagi Reddi while being examined lost his temper, behaved impertinently and questioned the authority of the Magistrate.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) An appeal was filed and the sentence was set aside by the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Markapur.

(*i*) After the sentence was passed, Nagi Reddi was handed over to the police who handcuffed him and took him to the Markapur sub-jail.

(*j*) & (*k*) No petition appears to have been received from Nagi Reddi by the District Magistrate, and there is no record of any such petition being sent in original to or received by the Sub-divisional Magistrate. 11-15 a.m.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Law Member, with reference to answer to clause (*h*) whether he is aware of the fact that in the judgment of the Subdivisional Officer he says that section 480 does not provide for a sentence of imprisonment and that the sentence was wrong, and that to charge the accused with contempt of court in such circumstances was straining the law too much?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether he is aware that the sentence was one of simple imprisonment?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not know, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether it is legal to handcuff a man sentenced to simple imprisonment for contempt. . . ."

The hon. the President :—" That is asking for opinion."

Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai :—" May I know whether the Sarishtadar-Magistrate has jurisdiction in all this area? Is it not generally the case that he has jurisdiction only in the town where he resides? Have these officers jurisdiction all over the taluk?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Not all over the taluk, but over certain villages over which they have been given jurisdiction."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member what the conversation was that took place between Mr. Nagi Reddi and the Magistrate, in regard to the answer to clause (*f*)? It is merely stated in the answer that he behaved impertinently and questioned the authority of the Magistrate."

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The conversation was that this Nagi Reddi said to the Magistrate, 'You have no right to question me, you have no right to try me,' and so on."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether that makes contempt of Court ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That was what the Magistrate thought. It was thought otherwise by the Subdivisional Magistrate."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" In regard to the answer to (j) and (k), may I know from the hon. the Law Member whether he is sure that no representation was made to the District Magistrate ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether he will enquire into the whole matter and see whether the Sarishtadar-Magistrate has not unnecessarily harassed Mr. Nagi Reddi ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" From the information at my disposal, which has been placed before the House in answer to this question, there was no harassment or illtreatment whatever."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. Member, in view of the answers which he gave, whether he will obtain the whole information and find out if there is no very grave miscarriage of justice in this matter ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—" Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place on the table a copy of the judgment setting aside this conviction ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not in possession of a copy of the judgment, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. Member will permit me to hand over a copy of the judgment ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is not a supplementary question."

Forests

Grazing facilities in Sennankuppam Setti Kinar Reserve Forest.

*11 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 1869 answered on 25th March 1929 regarding grazing facilities in the Sennankuppam Setti Kinar Reserve Forest—

(a) whether the report called for with reference to clauses (a) to (c), (e) and (f) of the question has been received ; and

(b) whether it will be placed on the table of this House ?

A.—(a) & (b) The answers to clauses (a) to (c), (e) and (f) of question No. 1869 answered on 25th March 1929 are appended.[a]

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 100 infra.